

**Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 20, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Zimmerman read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 9, 2014. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Ms. Connie Hallman-absent, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-absent.

Also present: Mayor Ed Zimmerman, Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, and Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Zimmerman announced that the COAH rules were voted down by the Council on Affordable Housing. The Appeals Court sided with Franklin Township allowing the town to ban electronic bill boards. Last Tuesday, the Mayor welcomed Governor Christie at Great Expectation in Franklin Township. The Mayor spoke to Rocky Hill residents at the flu clinic and received positive feedback on the sidewalk project. The SCGOA will host a reception at the League Conference at the Water Club. The Mayor and Council Member Bremner received the ceremonial Somerset County Cultural Heritage Committee grant check for \$120,000 for Borough Hall. The Borough received an award from ARC of Somerset County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2014. Hasser moved to approve the minutes as amended and Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open to public comment, hearing none the floor was immediately closed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List dated October 20, 2014 was presented for approval. Bremner moved to approve all vouchers except vouchers 8219 and 8235. Motion seconded by Donahue. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Donahue moved to approve voucher 8219, Hasser seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: Bremner

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector, September 2014

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Court Administrator, September 2014

Bremner moved to accept the reports, Kartsonis seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis,

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records – J. Donahue. Committee meeting to discuss IT issues.

Buildings & Grounds – T. Bremner. The 2013 grant work has not begun yet, the County is reviewing the work approved by Council. There are several dead trees in the Green Acres that should be removed. Work crew has been pushed back to November. Mulch will be delivered this Friday. Having trouble getting estimates from elevator contractors. No signed lease from Nursery School.

Finance & Insurance – M. Pausch. The Mayor reported that there was a meeting about the audit and the reassessment program.

Public Safety & Emergency Services – P. Kartsonis. New constable is being trained. Two tickets issued in September. AED training still needed. Asked for audit updates from Fire Department and First Aid Squad. Orange cones need to be placed around open sidewalks for Halloween.

Streets & Roads – No report.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – Mayor Zimmerman directed the Engineer to begin discussions with DEP regarding the building prohibition.

Council Representative to Planning Board – No report.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee – The Veteran's Day commemoration will take place in Panicaro Park on November 11 at 11 am.

Council Representative to Board of Health – The Mayor reported that approximately 40 residents attended the flu clinic.

Zoning Official's Report – No report.

Grants Committee – T. Bremner. No additional report other than what was discussed in Buildings and Ground report.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-80: Ratifying the Councils' Decision to Award a Contract to T. Fiotakis Construction in the amount of \$850.00 for the Millstone Park Posts

Bremner moved to approve the resolution, Hasser seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2014-81: Ratifying the Council's Decision to Authorize a Contract Award to Sopko Associates in the Amount of \$4,000.00 Annually to Perform Rolling Assessments for the Borough of Rocky Hill

Hasser moved to approve the resolution, Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Ordinance 2014-07: Possible Introduction: An Ordinance Amending the Salary Ordinance of the Borough of Rocky Hill

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Bremner moved to introduce the Ordinance, Hasser seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.
For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis
Against: None
Abstain: None

Public Hearing date November 3, 2014

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Potential to Purchase Ad Space in the Community Group Phone Book Soliciting Volunteers

The Council discussed purchasing ad space in the Community Group phone book, but no action was taken.

Resolution 2014-83: Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign a Contract with Cornell Farms for the Disposal of Leaves Collected in the Borough

Donahue moved to approve the resolution, Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.
For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis
Against: None
Abstain: None

Resolution 2014-82: Authorizing a Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2012-01 held on Block 1 Lot 31 known as 3 Lemoire Circle

Donahue moved to approve the resolution, Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.
For: Bremner, Donahue, Kartsonis
Against: Hasser
Abstain: None

Donahue moved to approve voucher 8235, Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.
For: Bremner, Donahue, Kartsonis
Against: Hasser
Abstain: None

The Mayor recused himself and stepped down from the dais on this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed, were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave., commented that the Shopping Center still has its salt tent up near the Borough well and asked if we can stop them from putting salt in the tent. The Mayor will ask the Engineer to speak to the Shopping Center landlord. Bremner noted that the Board of Health has discussed this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bremner with a second by Hasser to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Christine Witt
Deputy Borough

October 20, 2014

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8211	12 - ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY	PO 5052 Borough Hall cleaning September 201	200.00	200.00
8212	29 - BOLLINGER INC	PO 5057 CFO Bond	225.00	225.00
8213	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 5054 Legal advertising: Ordinance 2014-0	57.44	57.44
8214	547 - Comcast	PO 5067 October phone & internet	219.57	219.57
8215	446 - DAVID DOREY	PO 5069 Title for Chief's vehicle	60.00	60.00
8216	71 - DI FRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 5049 Legal fees	962.64	962.64
8217	83 - G & T Landscaping Inc	PO 4789 Lawn Area Maintenance Services	395.00	
		PO 4789 Lawn Area Maintenance Services	510.00	905.00
8218	564 - HOMECARE VETERINARY SERVICES	PO 5064 Rabies clinic vet service, vaccine	314.40	314.40
8219	360 - MCNEIL & COMPANY INC	PO 4989 First Ad Rescue Squad Commercial Po	1,436.18	1,436.18
8220	210 - PSE&G	PO 5045 Panicaro Park electric	9.53	9.53
8221	210 - PSE&G	PO 5046 Crescent Point Park electric	7.35	7.35
8222	210 - PSE&G	PO 5047 Municipal building electric	326.27	326.27
8223	319 - REPUBLIC SERVICES #865	PO 5053 Garbage collection	3,808.49	3,808.49
8224	354 - RICOH USA, INC.	PO 5051 Copy machine rental	109.73	109.73
8225	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5065 Board of Health County fees	1,013.58	1,013.58
8226	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5068 County Household Recycling Q3 2014	1,747.01	1,747.01
8227	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 5063 Police Service August 10 to Septemb	4,963.83	4,963.83
8228	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 5050 Engineering services September 2014	8,883.77	8,883.77
8229	289 - VERIZON	PO 5056 EMS phone	49.57	49.57
8230	291 - VITAL SERVICES GROUP	PO 5032 Tax Collector: Senior Citizen Post	30.00	30.00
8231	293 - ROCKY HILL WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT	PO 5059 Municipal building water and hydran	767.50	767.50
8232	530 - WOOLSON SUTPHEN ANDERSON	PO 5066 Planning Board Legal Services	294.25	294.25
8235	US Bank CUST. for Pro Capital	PO 5070 Tax Sale Certificate Redemp.	53,444.72	
	TOTAL			26,391.11

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List of Bills - (1926005) INTERFUND - DUE CURRENT
TRUST OTHER

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8234 8234 286	- VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 5050 Engineering services September 2014	1,396.50	1,396.50
8234 8234 530	- WOOLSON SUTPHEN ANDERSON	PO 5066 Planning Board Legal Services	728.00	728.00
	TOTAL			2,124.50

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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH
UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6946	93 - Donna M. Griffiths	PO 5061 Postage for Water/Sewer bills	85.00	85.00
6947	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 5062 September One Calls	10.98	10.98
6948	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 5058 Postage machine rental	29.00	29.00
6949	210 - PSE&G	PO 5048 Water Dept. electric	1,517.20	1,517.20
6950	316 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY PWT	PO 5060 State water tax Q3 2014	59.17	59.17
6951	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 5050 Engineering services September 2014	688.00	688.00
6952	289 - VERIZON	PO 5055 Water Dept. phone	30.35	30.35
	TOTAL			2,419.70

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

2,419.70

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2014-80

WHEREAS, at the October 6, 2014 meeting of the Borough Council, the Mayor and Council approved a contract award to T. Fiotakis for posts to be installed in Millstone Park; and

WHEREAS, the quote that was received was for \$850.00; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill authorize T. Fiotakis to install posts at the Millstone Park for an amount not to exceed \$850.00.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman,
Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from: _____.

Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on October 20, 2014.

Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2014-81

WHEREAS, at the October 6, 2014 meeting of the Borough Council, the Mayor and Council approved a contract award to Sopko Associates, LLC in the amount of \$4,000.00 annually to perform rolling assessments in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council also approved a \$500.00 annual budget for Sopko Associates, LLC to be used for software and various other expenses,

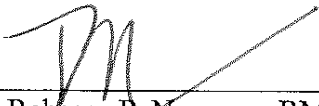
WHEREAS, Sopko Associates, LLC will reassess 25% of the Borough annually; and

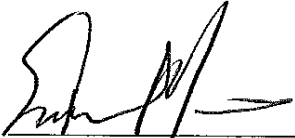
WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

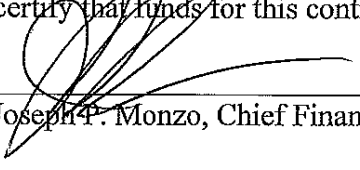
1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill enter into a contract with Sopko Associates, LLC to have 25% of the Borough reassessed annually for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
2. That the Borough of Rocky Hill approved an annual amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of software and various other items needed to complete this task.
3. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 
Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: 
Edward P. Zimmerman,
Mayor

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certify that funds for this contract are available from: _____.



Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

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the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough
Council on October 20, 2014.

Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2014-82

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2012-01 for Block 1 Lot 31,
3 Lemore Circle, Assessed Owner: Edward and Randie Zimmerman, was sold
to Pro Capital Fund I LLC on 11/29/12; and


WHEREAS, certified funds in the amount of \$53,444.72 have been
received from Corelogic Tax Services as party of interest entitled to make
redemption of said Tax Sale Certificate #2012-01.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of
Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be
authorized to issue redemption check in the amount of \$53,444.72
to: US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC, 2 Liberty Place, 50 South 16th St., Suite 1950,
Philadelphia, PA 19102;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be
provided to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

ADOPTED: October 20, 2014

ATTEST:

By: 
Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: 
Julia Hasser,
Council Member

CERTIFICATION

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the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough
Council on October 20, 2014.

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2014- 83

WHEREAS, a shared services agreement was entered into between the Borough of Rocky Hill and the Township of Branchburg for leaf collection; and

WHEREAS, Branchburg Township needs a disposal facility to dump the leaves once collected; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Farms has a site locally that can be utilized for the disposal of leaves collected at a cost of \$5.00 per cubic yard; and

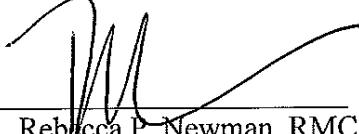
WHEREAS, based on prior years collections the Borough Engineers estimates there would be a maximum of 1,000 cubic yards to dispose of; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill enter into a contract with Cornell Farms to dispose of leaves collected by Branchburg Township at a cost of \$5.00 per cubic yard for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 
Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: _____
Edward P. Zimmerman,
Mayor

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